

# LOS ANGELES BLACKED OUT

## BOMBS FIRE JAP BATTLESHIP

### Lone U.S. Plane Does Damage

Large Nippon WarCraft Left Blazing After Hits; Enemy Gains Foothold at Some Points in Luzon, but Repulsed With Heavy Losses in One Sector;

MANILA, Dec. 11 (Thursday) (U.P.)—An Army communique today said that an Army bomber had scored three direct hits on a Japanese battleship of the Hiranuma 29,000-ton class at a point 10 miles northeast of Northern Luzon. A fire was started on the ship. Two bombs also dropped close alongside the ship, the communique said.

The battleship was said to be blazing fiercely when the bomber left the scene.

LONDON, Dec. 11 (Thursday) (U.P.)—Radio Vichy broadcast today that the Navy Department in Tokyo had announced that a Japanese warship was sunk yesterday.

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Japanese invaders landed in strong force yesterday on the northern coast of Luzon but were thrown back with heavy losses in one attempted landing on the west side of that strategic main island in the Philippines. Fighting continued early today and there were new air raids on several sections of the island.

The Japs, in addition to sinking two great British war vessels off Malaya—the 35,000-ton battleship Prince of Wales and the 32,000-ton battle cruiser Repulse, possibly through the suicidal sacrifice of "human torpedoes," apparently captured the British air base of Kota Bharu above Singapore in Northern Malaya. But British defenses down the long peninsula to Singapore itself appeared to be holding firm.

The enemy was acknowledged to have made some penetration on the mainland defenses of the British crown colony and bastion of Hongkong, but were declared subsequently to have been halted.

#### NO HAWAII ATTACKS

There have been no new attacks on Hawaii.

Thus, on general balance, the day plainly was gray for the United States, Britain and their associates in the Pacific, but by no means all the shadows fell one way—for

The Japanese drive on Hongkong was reported menaced by a Chinese offensive from the rear and against Japanese-held Canton.

#### JAPS LOSE PLANES

The American Air Force was lethally riding the skies over Manila; a communique announced that several Japanese planes were believed shot down in that vicinity and another re-

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The best brewed cup lacks the aroma of fresh ground coffee.

THURSDAY  
DECEMBER 11, 1941

WASHINGTON. Rear Admiral Kidd killed during Japanese attack on Hawaii. Page 1, Part I.

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Staggering of work hours proposed to ease traffic congestion in emergency. Page 1, Part II.

More than 8000 air-raid wardens ordered on duty. Page 6, Part II.

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Japanese with maps and alien literature arrested. Page 8, Part I.

Archduke Felix arrives here in interest of Free Austrians. Page 11, Part I.

THE WEST. Pacific Coast cities mobilized for raid defense. Page 1, Part I.

Clipper pilot says his plane struck by bullets at Wake Island. Page 7, Part I.

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Sale of Auto Tires Banned to Halt Public 'Buying Wave'

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10. (AP)—The government tonight banned the sale of any new automobile tires to the public until Dec. 22 to stop "a consumers' buying wave."

The order, effective tomorrow, was issued by Donald M. Nelson, priorities director, on the recommendation of the O.P.M.'s civilian supply division. "Severe penalties," the O.P.M. said, are provided for violation of the order.

"The prohibition means," the announcement explained, "that new automobile, truck, bus, or motorcycle, farm implement or other type of tire or tube may be sold by anyone—including tire stores both wholesale and retail; filling stations, automobile dealers or any others—except on preference rating orders of A-3 or higher."

Tokyo claims four American capital ships sunk. Page 2, Part I.

Russia reports recapture of 10 villages. Page 4, Part I.

British rejoin forces at Tobruk as foe driven west. Page 4, Part I.

Tokyo land force drives wedge into Malaya but Singapore defenses hold. Page 4, Part I.

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### Planes Search Skies for Japs

Southland Plunged Into Darkness as Army Reports Presence of Unidentified Aircraft; Searchlights Seen and Gunfire Reported

A gigantic black-out, covering the area from Bakersfield south to San Diego and eastward to Boulder City and Las Vegas, Nev., went into effect shortly after 8 o'clock last night on orders from the Army 4th Interceptor Command. It continued until 11:03 p.m.

As Los Angeles went dark amidst considerable confusion and uncertainty, the Interceptor Command announced: "This is not a practice black-out."

A yellow signal, indicating the approach of enemy air raiders, was flashed on the State-wide police teletype at 7:35 p.m. Police said this signal indicated the presence of unidentified airplanes approaching Los Angeles from the sea but did not necessarily mean they were enemy.

#### FORT GUNNERS SCRAMBLE TO POSTS

Anti-aircraft and machine gunners scrambled to their weapons at Ft. MacArthur, which was promptly placed on an "alert" basis.

Reports that the sound of gunfire was heard could not be verified from listening posts along the beach or at the harbor.

Definite indication that the Interceptor Command meant business by calling for the black-out was contained in a statement from a spokesman who said:

"There are planes over and south of Los Angeles that are unidentified. The area will remain blacked out until we can identify them."

#### PLANES SENT UP TO INVESTIGATE

When asked if Army planes had been sent aloft to contact these aircraft, the spokesman said:

"You can assume there have been."

Thousands of Angelenos, listening with straining ears for sounds of aircraft, were unable to distinguish sounds of motors, however.

A few minutes after the black-out was ordered, the flashing of what appeared to be Army searchlights was visible in the higher portions of Los Angeles, 25 miles from the water front.

Headquarters of the 4th Interceptor Command refused to comment on the black-out but said they had a report that unidentified airplanes were in the vicinity of Los Angeles.

#### CHRONOLOGY OF FIRST BLACK-OUT

Chronologically, the black-out swung into motion thusly: 7:35 p.m.—The Police Department switchboard received a yellow signal flash from the Aircraft Warning Service headquarters. This signal indicates that enemy air raiders are approaching.

7:36 p.m.—The police received telephone confirmation from the A.W.S. that the yellow signal was correct.

7:40 p.m.—It was announced by the A.W.S. that a black-out was to be put into immediate effect.

7:41 p.m.—Radio Station KFI, key station in times of emergency, was instructed by the Federal Communications

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### Coast Mobilizes for Defense; Military Hunts Plane Carrier

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 10. (UPI)—Pacific Coast cities tonight arranged for the 35 remaining patients who were too ill to go.

Another black-out was ordered tonight from the British Columbia border to Roseburg, Or., by the 2nd Interceptor Command. The black-out will be in effect from 1:30 a.m. to 7:45 a.m. British Columbia ordered a black-out beginning at 5 p.m.

The Portland (Or.) City Council passed an ordinance providing a \$500 fine and six months in jail or both for violation of black-outs.

In San Francisco's Wednesday morning black-out was much more successful than that of the previous night. Outdoor advertising signs were turned out at dusk and home and street lighting was almost eliminated. Seven windows in three downtown patients to homes and other veterans' hospitals. Special protec-

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### War Needs Money!

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